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May 27, 2005

BY HAND

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 **RECEIVED**

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re:

CC Docket No. 00-257 - Focal Communications Corporation and Broadwing Communications, LLC Notification Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)(1), Focal Communications Corporation of New York ("Focal-NY"), Focal Communications Corporation of New Jersey ("Focal-NJ"), Focal Communications Corporation of Pennsylvania ("Focal-PA"), Focal Communications Corporation of the Mid-Atlantic ("Focal-Mid Atlantic"), Focal Communications Corporation of Virginia ("Focal-VA"), Focal Communications Corporation of Massachusetts ("Focal-MA"), and Broadwing Communications, LLC ("Broadwing") hereby notify the Commission of the pending transfer of the assets and customers of Focal-NY, Focal-NJ, Focal-PA, Focal-Mid Atlantic, Focal-VA, and Focal-MA to Broadwing.

Parties to the Transaction: Focal-NY, Focal-NJ, Focal-PA, Focal-Mid Atlantic, Focal-VA, and Focal-MA currently are wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries of Broadwing, which was formerly known as Corvis Corporation. Focal-NY, Focal-NJ, Focal-PA, Focal-Mid Atlantic, Focal-VA, and Focal-MA are subsidiaries of Focal Communications Corporation, also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Broadwing. The Commission previously approved the transfer of control of Focal Communications Corporation to Broadwing. The pending transaction is an internal corporate restructuring that does not result in a change of ultimate ownership or control. 2/

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Transfer of the domestic 214 authorizations was approved on May 2, 2004 and transfer of the international 214 authorization was approved April 23, 2004.

⁴⁷ C.F.R. § 63.03(d).

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<u>Types of Telecommunications Services Provided to Affected Subscribers</u>: The telecommunications services being provided to subscribers in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia, and Massachusetts include local, long distance, and international voice and data services.

<u>Planned Date of Transfer</u>: Subscribers in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia, and Massachusetts will be transferred no later than June 30, 2005.

<u>Certification of Compliance</u>: Broadwing hereby certifies compliance with the requirement to provide advanced subscriber notice in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with the other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

<u>Copy of Notice Sent to Affected Subscribers</u>: A copy of the notice to be sent to New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia, and Massachusetts subscribers is attached hereto. The notice was sent on May 27, 2005.

An original and five (5) copies of this letter are enclosed. Please date stamp the additional copy and return it to the waiting messenger. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela F. Collins

Counsel for Broadwing Communications, LLC

Attachments

cc: John Gockley, Broadwing

Attachment 1 Verification

Verification

I, John C. Gockley, Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Broadwing Communications, LLC, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the statements in the foregoing filing are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated:

John C. Gockley

VP and Associate General Counsel Broadwing Communications, LLC

Attachment 2 Customer Notice



May 27, 2005

Dear Valued Customer,

We are pleased to inform you of some exciting changes at Focal Communications. Last September, Focal Communications was acquired by Corvis Corporation (now known as Broadwing Corporation). Broadwing Corporation is the parent company of telecommunications services provider Broadwing Communications, LLC. Broadwing Communications is a full-service, facilities-based provider of data, voice and video services for enterprises, carriers and government groups. Broadwing's focus is providing an innovative communications solutions with unparalleled focus and speed.

So what does this mean for you?

As the next logical step in the acquisition process, Focal is combining its operations with its sister company, Broadwing Communications. As a result, the services that you currently receive from Focal will soon be provided by Broadwing. This transfer will be completed and your services and billing will be provided under the Broadwing name no later than the end of June, 2005.

We are confident that this combination will only strengthen the quality and availability of service options that you receive from Focal today. Please be assured that Broadwing has taken measures to ensure that this change will occur smoothly and there will be no interruption to the services you currently receive. In fact, you should notice no change at all since your service will continue to be provided over the same network and facilities as today. You will not be charged any fees as a result of this transaction, and you will receive service under the Broadwing name based on substantially the same rates, terms, and conditions under which you currently receive service. Notice of any future changes in the rates, terms, and conditions of your services will be provided to you as required under applicable law. There will be no changes with respect to any of your preferred carrier freezes.

We recognize that you have the right to change providers, subject to the terms and conditions of any term agreements. We hope, however, that you choose to remain a Broadwing customer and continue to enjoy the same high-quality telecommunications services you currently receive from us. If you have questions about this notice, please call your account representative or Focal's customer toll-free number at 1-888-362-2522.

We appreciate your business.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Walentynowicz Jr. Vice President Network Services